

REMARKS

Claims 17-19, 22-24, 27-29 and 31-33 are pending in this application, of which claims 17, 24, 26, 29 and 31 are independent. In view of the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

ALLOWED/ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 26 and 31 are allowed. While Applicant agrees these claims are patentable over the cited references, Applicant does not agree that patentability resides in each feature exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability of each claim.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 17-19, 22-24, 27-29, 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 6,429,842 issued to Shin, et al. ("Shin") in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,573,532 issued to Park ("Park") and further in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,421,039 issued to Moon ("Moon"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

This application claims priority from Korean Patent Application No. 2000-74302 filed on December 7, 2000. Park's effective filing date is November 6, 2000. Park qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and the subject matter of Park and the claimed invention were, at the time of the invention was made, owned by the same

entity (Samsung Electronics) or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity. Thus, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(c), the subject matter of Park does not preclude patentability of this application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 17-19, 22-24, 27-29, 32 and 33.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hae-Chan Park', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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